

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 42-48 to read as follows.

1-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

- a container body configured to contain toner;

- a discharge opening configured and positioned to permit discharge of the toner from said container body;

- a sealing member configured and positioned to seal said discharge opening;

- a feeding member configured and positioned to feed the toner toward said discharge opening in said container body;

- a connecting member which is provided on a lower portion of one longitudinal end surface of said container body and which is connectable with the image forming apparatus, wherein said connecting member is integrally rotatable with said feeding member;

- wherein said connecting member includes:

- a coupling projection configured and positioned to receive a rotational force from the image forming apparatus; and

- a locking groove configured and positioned to lock with the image forming apparatus; and

a projection, provided on the bottom surface of said toner supply container at a position which is away from said locking groove in a longitudinal direction of said container body, and configured and positioned to receive an unsealing force from the image forming apparatus when said discharge opening is unsealed by relative movement between said sealing member and said container body with said locking groove locked with the image forming apparatus.

28. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 27, wherein said locking groove is disposed at a downstream side of said toner supply container with respect to a direction in which said toner supply container is mounted to the image forming apparatus.

29. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 28, wherein said locking groove and said projection are disposed substantially at the same level.

30. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 27, wherein said locking groove extends fully circumferentially in said connecting member, and said coupling projection is provided at each of a plurality of positions which are discrete in a circumferential direction of said connecting member.

31. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 27, wherein said sealing member is coaxial and integral with said connecting member.

32. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 31, wherein said sealing member has an engaging portion which is slidable relative to said feeding member.

33. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 32, wherein said feeding member has a rotational shaft which extends out through said discharge opening and which is slidably engaged with said engaging portion of said sealing member.

34-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 27, wherein said projection is disposed at a position 60-80 mm away from the other longitudinal end surface of said container body.

42. (New) A toner supply container detachably mountable to a container receiving space of an image forming apparatus comprising:

a container body configured to contain toner;

a discharge opening configured and positioned to permit discharge of the toner from said container body;

a sealing member configured and positioned to seal said discharge opening;

a feeding member configured and positioned to feed the toner toward said discharge opening in said container body;

a connecting member which is provided on a lower portion of one longitudinal end surface of said container body and which is connectable with the image forming apparatus,

wherein said connecting member includes:

a coupling projection configured and positioned to receive a rotational force from the image forming apparatus; and

a locking groove configured and positioned to lock with the image forming apparatus; and

a projection, provided on the bottom surface of said toner supply container at a position which is away from said locking groove in a longitudinal direction of said container body and configured and positioned to receive an unsealing force from an unsealing force applying member of the image forming apparatus when said discharge opening is unsealed by relative movement between said sealing member and said container body with said locking groove locked with the image forming apparatus,

wherein said projection has such a height that the overlapping distance between said projection and the unsealing force applying member is larger than a clearance between a top of said container body and a ceiling of the container receiving space.

43. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 42, wherein said locking groove is disposed at a downstream side of said toner supply container with respect to a direction in which said toner supply container is mounted to the image forming apparatus.

44. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 42, wherein said locking groove extends fully circumferentially in said connecting member, and said coupling projection is provided at each of a plurality of positions which are discrete in a circumferential direction of said connecting member.

45. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 42, wherein said sealing member is coaxial and integral with said connecting member.

46. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 45, wherein said sealing member has an engaging portion which is slidable relative to said feeding member.

47. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 46, wherein said feeding member has a rotational shaft which extends out through said discharge opening and which is slidably engaged with said engaging portion of said sealing member.

48. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 42, wherein said projection is disposed at a position 60-80 mm away from the other longitudinal end surface of said container body.